

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Examiner is thanked for the November 2, 2006 telephone interview.

In the interview, claims 1-6 were discussed in light of the cited Hackett et al. reference (WO 98/11714). Possible ways of distinguishing over the Hackett et al. reference and digital cameras by focusing on the claimed storage device or controller were discussed. Also, clarifying claims 2 and 3 as to their intended coverage was discussed. No agreement regarding any of the claims was reached.

Claims 1-6 are pending.

Claims 1 and 4 are amended to clarify that the claimed storage device is a 'long-term' storage device. Support for this amendment is found at page 4, lines 20-25, describing a hard disk drive, compact disc recorder, mini disc and memory card as the storage device. Such devices are well recognized as long-term storage devices in the art.

Claims 1 and 4 are also amended to clarify that a communication interface is included in the surveillance monitoring camera, and that the compressed digital image signals stored in the long-term storage device are capable of being displayed by the surveillance monitoring camera. Support for this amendment is found at page 5, lines 17-21, in original claims 3 and 6, and in the Summary of the Invention section. Claims 3 and 6 are therefore canceled.

Claims 2 and 5 are reworded to better clarify these claims.

The rejection of claims 1, 2, 4 and 5 as obvious over the Hackett et al. reference is respectfully traversed. "To establish *prima facie* obviousness of a claimed invention, all the claim limitations must be taught or suggested by the prior art." *In re Royka*, 490 F. 2d 981, 180 USPQ 580 (CCPA 1974); MPEP § 2143.03. In the present case, the prior art does not meet this standard.

As amended, claims 1, 2, 4 and 5 call for a long-term storage device to be present in the surveillance monitoring camera. In contrast, Hackett et al. only teach a camera containing a "temporary storage section 140a, b, c and d" (page 11, lines 18-20). Because Hackett et al. fail to teach or suggest all claim limitations, claims 1, 2, 4 and 5 are not obvious.

Moreover, claims 1, 2, 4 and 5 call for a camera that contains a communication interface that receives and transmits image signals stored in the storage device, and receives and transmits information on camera movement and camera operation, from or to a site remote from the camera. Hackett et al. do not teach or suggest such a camera. Hackett et al. may describe a modem 180 that transmits data, but the modem is not a part of the camera. Rather, the modem is part of enclosure 96, which is entirely separate from the camera, as shown in Fig. 2. Because Hackett et al. do not describe or even mention a camera with the claimed communication interface, Hackett et al. fail to teach or suggest all claim limitations. Accordingly, claims 1, 2, 4 and 5 are not obvious.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is therefore respectfully requested.

No fee is believed due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized during prosecution of this application to charge any fees that may be required (except for patent issue fees required under 37 CFR §1.18) or to credit any overpayment of fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0337. If an extension of time is required in connection with this paper, please consider this a Petition therefor and charge any fees required to Deposit Account No. 50-0337.

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Miles Yamanaka", followed by a long horizontal flourish line.

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